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**On Coincidences**

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Breasted Hall, at the Oriental Institute, 1155 E. 58th Street

*Reception following the lecture in Eckhart 209, 5734 S. University Avenue*

**ABSTRACT**

Coincidences amaze us. They can affect where we live and with whom. I will review early work of Jung, Freud, and Kammerer, and then introduce some skeptical tools. Sometimes, a little bit of quantitative thinking shows that things are not so surprising after all.

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